

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims XYZ have been amended. Claim XYZ has been canceled without prejudice. Claims XYZ have been added.

Examiner rejected claims 40-42 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because claim 1 is directed toward a method and claim 40 depending on claim 1, is directed toward a system.

Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13-16, 18, 19, 22, 25, 28, 32, 34, 35, 37, and 47-50 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,321,231 to Jebens et al.

Examiner rejected claims 3 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jebens in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,701,302 to Schaeffer et al.

Examiner rejected claims 11, 12, 45, and 47 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jebens in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0158874 to Cao.

Claims 17, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 29-31, 33, 36, 46, and 51-53 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,
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